

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 28, 2004, claims 1-5, 7, 9, 33, and 35-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 5,577,030 (Oki) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,754,543 (Seid); and claims 8 and 34 were rejected under § 103 over Oki and Seid in view of RFC 791, "Internet Protocol DARPA Internet Program Protocol Specification."

Applicant acknowledges the indication that claims 10-14, 16-23, 25, 26, 31, 32, 38, and 39 were allowed, and that claim 6 was objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but otherwise was indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicant notes that claim 40 should also be indicated as being allowed since it depends from allowed claim 21.

Claims 1-5, and 33-35 have been cancelled, without prejudice, to render the rejections of those claims moot.


Claim 6 has been amended from dependent form to independent form, with the scope of the claim remaining *unchanged*, to place the claim in condition for allowance. Therefore, claim 6 and its dependent claims are allowable.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (NRT.0068US).

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